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Applicant : Steffen Derhardt  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1459  
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S i r :

Preliminary to examination kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.